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SUBJECT: NEW GSPC COMMUNIQUE WARNS OF FAKES

[1](#)1. (U) The Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC) issued a statement September 10 warning against faked communiques issued by Abu Turab al-Jaza'iri in the name of the GSPC. The communique said al-Jaza'iri has no direct or indirect connection to the GSPC and that his communiques are not official GSPC statements.

COMMENT

[1](#)2. (SBU) In July, Al-Jaza'iri issued a statement, in the name of the GSPC, praising Al-Qaeda's killing of two Algerian diplomats in Iraq. Algerians viewed the killings as a national tragedy, and GSPC's statement served to further undermine the already-limited public sympathy the group enjoys. The September 10 statement is indicative of factionalism with the GSPC as well as of a split within the GSPC over the group's earlier support for the killings.
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